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1. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT'S PRESS OFFICE(AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY IF YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE) TO PROPOSE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF PRESIDENTS CARTER AND ASAD BE MADE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING KHADDAM'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. PLEASE ASCERTAIN SYRIAN REACTIONS AND WHETHER THEY WOULD FIND PROPOSED TEXT IN PARA 2 ACCEPTABLE.

2. BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT:

PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT ASAD HAVE AGREED TO MEET IN GENEVA ON MAY 9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THEIR FIRST MEETING TOGETHER. THEY WILL DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH THE CAUSE OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN BE ADVANCED. THE MEETING OF THE TWO LEADERS WILL ALSO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE GROWING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF SYRIA. END PROPOSED TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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